IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 17, 1848.
Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 150.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Walker, submit the following report:

The petitioner applies for an increase of his pension, in consequence of unusually severe wounds inflicted while he was in the service of the United States, in Mexico, as a private in the 1st re-

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It appears that in the action at Churubusco, on the 20th August, 1847, whilst gallantly performing his duty, his right arm was blown off by a cannon ball and the left hand nearly destroyed; that, being unable to help himself, in consequence of the said wounds, he requires the constant aid and attendance of a servant.

The petitioner was distinguished for his bravery, and his conduct met with the entire approbation of all his officers, and he is repre-

sented as a gallant and deserving man.

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